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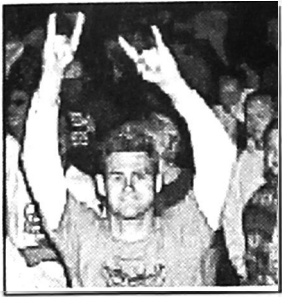
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No vacancy: graduation has hotels booked

KATHY BRAUCHI/NEWS EDITOR

Graduation is a hectic time for not only the graduates, but also their families. It gets worse if there's no room at the inn.

Many students come from nearby towns, so their families and friends can simply attend graduation and drive home. But others have family out of state, so hotel rooms are a must if the students can't provide enough space at their residence, and most of the time their dorm rooms, apartments or small houses don't have that space.

The sensible alternative for

most families is booking a hotel room, but in the small town of Weatherford, the rooms can be hard to come by around the weekend of graduation.

"Many people begin booking rooms a year in advance," said Kathy Blakley of the Best Western Mark Motor Hotel. "At times, we've even had people book rooms two years in advance for graduation."

Blakley said that the Mark Motor Hotel was booked by the end of December for this May's graduation. She said one reason is due to multiple

bookings by one family.

"I would say nearly 30 percent are multiple bookings," Blakley said.

She said many families want three or four rooms to make sure they have enough space for everyone. Occasionally, there will be cancellations, and more rooms will become available closer to graduation.

Blakley also said if people request rooms after the hotel is booked, the employees recommend other possible places to stay. She said it is an inconvenience to the families if all Weatherford hotels and motels are booked

because people must travel to Clinton to stay.

Kristen Paetzold, mass communications senior, recently ran into the problem of booking rooms for her family. They are traveling from Louisiana to attend her graduation.

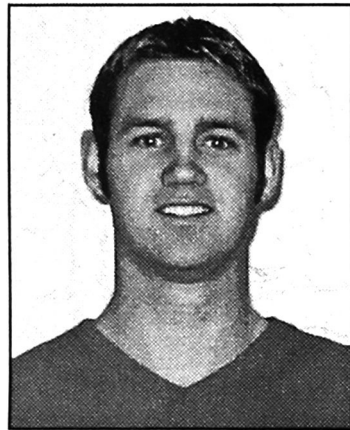
"Although the Mark Motor Hotel was booked," Paetzold said, "the Days Inn had available space, which was a relief to me and my family."

Paetzold also said the Days Inn didn't require a deposit or credit card to reserve rooms. The person wanting a room must call by

4 p.m. the day they wish to book the room and payment arrangements will then be made. This makes it convenient on students or families that don't have a credit card, and since no deposit is required, no money is lost if the family has to cancel the reservation.

With just five weeks left until graduation, booking hotel rooms is the next step for a senior. If rooms are booked, the family is without the worry of where to stay and they can concentrate on the real reason they are visiting Weatherford—the graduates.

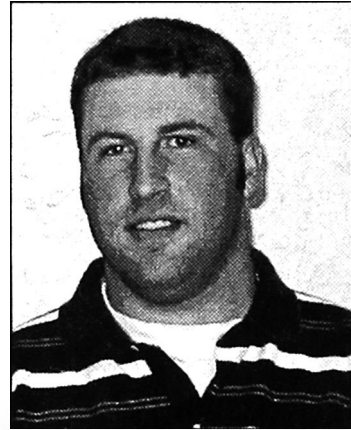
Student Government election today; meet the candidates



Kyle Horton for President
Classification: Junior
Major: Engineering Technology

1. *What experience do you have with Student Government?*

Each of us has been involved in Student Government for several years. During these years we have held several different positions such as Sergeant-at-Arms, Chief of Staff, Vice-Chair, Justice, and Chief Justice. We have been heavily involved in the numerous activities that SGA sponsors including



Jared Robinson for Vice President
Classification: Senior
Major: Math Education

outdoor movies and SWOSUpalooza. We were also involved in the creation of the Academic Appeals Committee.

2. *Why did you choose to run for office?*

We chose to run because we believe that with our experience and leadership ability, we can continue to keep SGA moving in a positive direction.

"Horton-Robinson" continued on page 2.



The Student Government Association will host its spring officer elections today in the Student Union from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and tomorrow in the Stafford Building from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Students are encouraged to vote for their favorite candidates.



Andrea Ward for President
Classification: Junior
Major: Communications Arts

1. *What experience do you have with Student Government?*

Andrea Ward currently holds the position of the Student Government Activities Director organizing outdoor movies, homecoming events, Dr. Bellows the hypnotist and other campus activities. She is a SGA representative on seven faculty/staff committees, as well as several event committees within SGA. Her first year as a Justice to the Supreme Court allowed her to



Misty Williams for Vice President
Classification: Sophomore
Major: Communication Arts

assist in the establishment of many organizations on Southwestern's campus.

Misty Williams is the current Executive Secretary. This position is commonly referred to as "the right hand of the SGA President." Since Misty's first year in senate as the Secretary to the Supreme Court, she has been very involved with several SGA committees and campus events. She also serves on "Ward-Williams" continued on page 2.

Finding a job 101: five important steps for seniors

SHARRA HARDY/NEWS EDITOR

It's your senior year and graduation is right around the corner. It's time to find a job.

Kim Liebscher, Licensed Psychiatric Counselor and Director of Student Development services, said there are a few steps to take in searching for a job. 1. Make sure that your resume is accurate and that there are no mistakes. Student Services edits resumes and offers resume development for free. Also, they send out resumes free of charge to companies.

2. Be sure to include a

cover letter with every resume that you send out. Never send a resume without a cover letter. A cover letter is very important because it shows the employer your personality and can express your desire to be a part of their work force. Although, Student Services does not make cover letters we are glad to edit them for you.

3. Attend as many career fairs as possible. This is a good way to network with companies that you might be interested in. This is also a good time to distribute resumes.

4. Be persistent. Many students are under the impression that one phone call will get an interview, however; this is not realistic. In some cases it takes four or five times (sometimes more) speaking with the company to get an interview.

5. Be open-minded and flexible. Some jobs require you to relocate or the hours are not exactly to your liking. Only you know if relocation is right for you, but it may turn out to be the best thing you ever did. Liebscher also said that if

you are having trouble finding a job to set up an appointment with student services.

"We have career counseling and will try to send you in the right direction," Liebscher said. "Moreover, don't get discouraged. People who are seriously looking for a job will eventually find one - it may not be the perfect job but it will buy you groceries and put a roof over your head."

Liebscher said that there are many ways to search for a job.

"Student services subscribes to *Human Services* and *Liberal Arts Careers* magazines weekly, and they have the *college placement guide* which lists job vacancies and other magazines that can help students with their job search," Liebscher said. "Students can also go to our web page on the Southwestern's web site to look at job search engines."

"The internet is a great way to see what is available," Liebscher said. "Also, look in the local newspaper to find other job postings."

Students Services also

has a career resource room where students can research job vacancies.

Renee Carr, senior mass communications major, has already found a job following graduation.

Carr was trying to find a paid internship when she stumbled upon a job opening with the South Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce.

"I had called several places before I physically went into the Chamber," Carr said. "They had a job opening, and after a short interview I was hired on the spot."

Carr said that she felt really comfortable during her interview. Some of the questions she was asked were about where she was from, about her schooling, what she was involved in, what some of her accomplishments had been and how much she thought she should get paid.

However, Carr advises to be careful when talking about wages because there is a big difference between hourly wages and salary. Carr also advises not to give up.

"Making phone calls isn't enough. Personally go

and talk with the people at the place of business. Introduce yourself and show them that you are interested in working for their firm," Carr said.

"Make sure to bring a resume with you so that you can leave it with the company."

Networking and talking with friends is another good way to find a job.

Roderick Dunn, senior recreational leadership major, found his job during Christmas break while playing basketball with his high school coach.

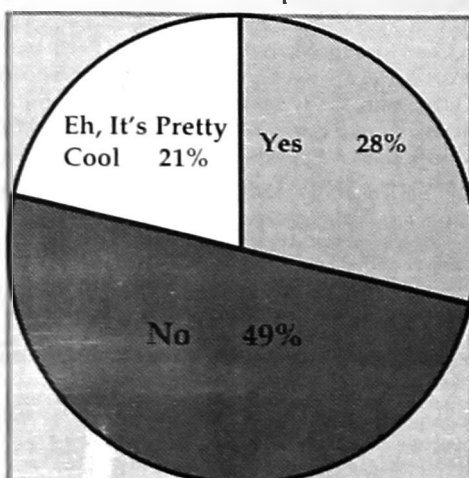
"My basketball coach from high school knew that I was fixing to graduate and offered me a position as a coach," Dunn said. "Although, I am still going to circulate my resume in Texas and Kansas so I can get my name out there."

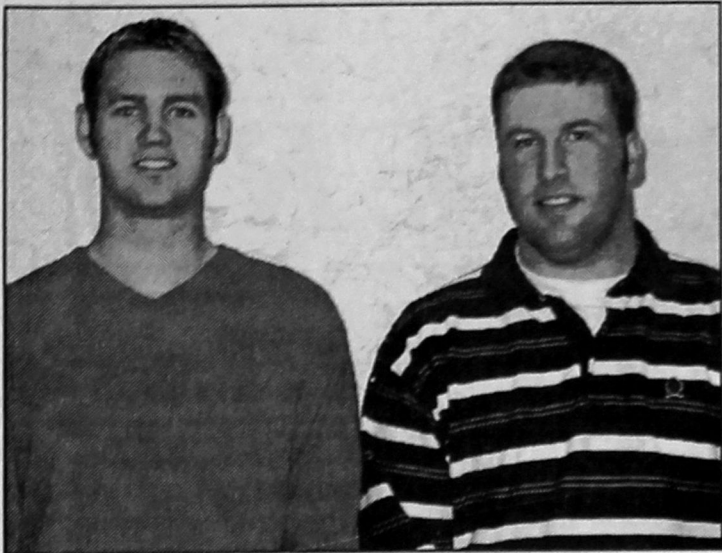
Dunn advises to stick with it and the right job will come along.

"You have spent four or more years in college and have been in it too long to give up; so now is the time to take the initiative. Pass out your resume and find out how valuable your education is worth," Dunn said.

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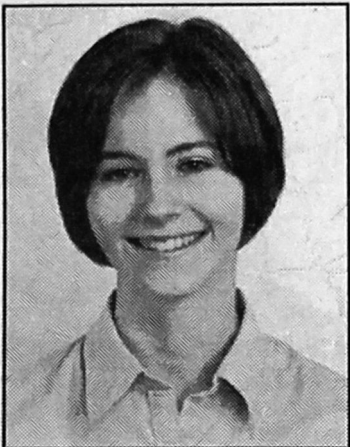
3. Why should a student vote for you?

The Student Government Association is just what it says it is. We are for you, the students. If elected, we would like to hear any ideas that you have and we will do all that we can to give you the answers. Throughout our years in Senate, we have seen the good, the bad, and the ugly of how Student Government has been run. We feel as mentioned above, that with our experience and leadership ability, we can keep Student Government moving in a positive direction.

4. What do you see in the Student Government Association's future?

We see a lot of great things in the future of SGA. We see more activities, aiding the alumni with the campus beautification project (which includes adding parking spaces), the 3rd annual SWOSUpalooza, and many more things yet to come.

Molly Priest for
Treasurer Candidate
Classification: Sophomore
Major: Math



1. What experience do you have with Student Government?

I have been involved in Student Government for two years. I have served on the publicity committee, academic appeals committee and the SWOSUpalooza committee. Last year I was co-chair of the Big Event. I am currently the senate secretary.

2. Why did you choose to run for office?

I feel that Student Government can make a big difference at Southwestern, and I would like to help lead that effort. I ran for treasurer because I feel that it is an important office that is essential to the success of SGA. This is an office that needs to be done well. I am a math major and finance minor, and I feel that I can manage SGA's finances.

3. Why should a student vote for you?

I care about Student Government and Southwestern, and I have been very involved for the past two years. I have all the qualifications necessary to be a great treasurer.

4. What do you see in the Student Government Association's future?

I hope we can become more influential on campus by working with students and administration. I also plan to work very hard on campus improvement ideas and on bringing the Oklahoma Student Government Association conference to Southwestern next spring.



"Ward-Williams" from page 1

2. Why did you choose to run for office?

We chose to run for this office in hopes of taking on a larger role in the growth and performance of the Student Government Association. Our campus has made great strides to improve activities and student involvement. We hope to continue this trend. It is also our hope to apply changes we think will accelerate the positive role Student Government plays in campus life.

3. Why should a student vote for you?

In the past two years in Southwestern's Student Government, we have gained knowledge, learned traditions and developed goals for the future. All of our experiences with SGA have shown that our student body is responding to what is happening on our campus and we are so excited to be a part of it. Our school has so much potential. An effective leader is needed to ensure that level of potential is obtained. The opportunity to hold the offices of President and Vice President is nothing short of an amazing chance for us to give back to Southwestern.

4. What do you see in the Student Government Association's future?

Student-oriented campus life is the focal point of the goals we have set for the upcoming year. We see increased student awareness of activities, legislative action and leadership opportunities. We envision higher levels of student participation in campus activities through media publicity and community support. Our purpose is to ensure that Student Government takes the reigns in making sure that these goals are achieved.

Fake I.D.s fool gun background checks

By AMBER WINDLE/STAFF REPORTER

Fake identification checkers have done it again. They have once again fooled the national background check system, which is intended to keep individuals with a criminal background from buying a gun.

Some might find this hard to believe, but it is true. Recently two undercover investigators from the Government Accounting Office, armed with fake ids where able to completely bypass the mandatory background checks and were able to buy guns and ammunition from licensed dealer in five states that included; Arizona, Montana, New Mexico, Virginia and West Virginia.

The background check system determines if a potential gun buyer has a criminal background. It is the law that is suppose to safeguard America from letting guns get into the hands of criminal.

But how is it supposed to protect if it cannot verify if the name or identification being used is even valid? That is kind unsettling to know that as a result of this, it is hard to determine if the buyer is even a felon.

"The name (on the ID) could be Bugs Bunny and as long as there's no criminal background record on file the gun can be sold", said Waxman, the top Democrat on the House Government Reform Committee.

"I find it disturbing how people want a gun so bad that they try to get a fake ID to get a gun", said Doug Hill, a sophomore health education major from Burkburnett, Texas.

Even the National Rifle Association, which is normally bumping heads with the Democrats that favor gun control, agrees that proper identification checks are a problem.

Felons or not, the investigators had a 100 percent success rate, which means that the effectiveness of the Brady law-Which is suppose to be the landmark gun control legislation passed by congress and signed into the law by President Clinton in 1993- is not what it is thought to be.

The Agents bought the guns from Arizona, Virginia, West Virginia, Montana, and New Mexico. Unlike many other states, these do not require additional gun control measures such as fingerprints or waiting periods of up to two weeks.

In one of the cases the two investigators went to a local gun dealer in Santa Fe, N.M., and when the background check for one of the investigators did not go through immediately, the gun dealer suggested that the second could buy the gun under his name and then transfer it to his partner. So the investigators were able to buy the gun under one of their names and paid for it with the other's credit card.

That was a big no- no on the gun dealer's part because federal law prohibits dealers to knowingly sell weapons to individuals who are not buying the weapons for themselves or as a gift. This case was referred to the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms.

In Arizona the GAO investigators noted that some stores in Tucson and Tombstone carried rifles and .38-44 and .45-caliber hand guns that were manufactured before 1898 that were total exempt from the Brandy checks as antiques. In one of the cases a dealer in Tucson suggested that the agent purchase a .38 caliber revolver from 1893 because a background check was not required when buying an antique gun.

The State of Arizona has probably fewer requirements than the other states and in some case the dealers are not required to report the drivers license number for verification, the checks are only for felony convictions and involuntary mental-hospital commitments.

The GAO Officials were expected to present their evidence and results of the rest of the investigation at a briefing on Capitol Hill today.

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Bulldog Bullets



Pax 217, coming to Weatherford for Rez Week.

Band to perform on April 10
Pax217, a Christian rock band from Mission Viejo, Calif., will stop in Weatherford on April 10 as part of its Pass the Mic Tour. The free event, starting at 7:30 p.m. on the south lawn in front of the Al Harris Library, is in conjunction with Rez Week. The concert will also feature John Reuben, Spoken and Deadbeat. PAX271 combines heavy guitars with hip hop and reggae influences. PAX is Latin for "peace," and 217 is a reference to Ephesians 2:17. This is the second year for Rez Week at Southwestern, which is an interdenominational celebration.



Several members of Phi Beta Lambda competed at the PBL Spring Leadership Conference. Shown are Patsy Wootton, PBL adviser, Southwestern-Sayre, Windy West (Southwestern-Weatherford), 4th in Accounting II, Cara Berry (Southwestern-Sayre), 2nd in Job Interview, Debra Allen (Southwestern-Sayre), 10th in Word Processing, Sharon Burch (Southwestern-Sayre), 7th in Impromptu Speaking and Rose Sutton (Southwestern-Sayre), 8th in Computer Applications. Not pictured are Brandi Appleton (Southwestern-Sayre), 10th in Economics and Katie McIntyre (Southwestern-Weatherford), 4th in Business Communications.



The last portion of Davis Road will be converted to four lanes starting this summer.

Final phase of Davis Road finished by fall

CHAD MARTIN/STAFF REPORTER
Construction on the third and final phase of the Davis Road project will soon begin. The third phase will begin at the corner of Seventh Street and Davis and finish at the corner of Highway 54 and Davis.
Unlike the second phase, which went directly through campus, the third phase is not expected to cause nearly the amount of confusion and congestion.
"We are waiting for the easements to be acquired," Mayor Ed Berrong said. "When that is finished, the project will be offered up to contractors for bids on construction."
Fourteen feet along the north side of the road will

need to be acquired for the expansion of the road to accommodate the four lanes. Due to the apartments that are built on the south side of the road, the centerline will shift six feet to the north.
"We hope to have the easements in April allowing for bids to be accepted sometime in May," Berrong said. "Construction won't begin until later in June or July."
"The road will be just like the last two sections with an asphalt base and concrete surface. It will be able to stand up to heavy traffic and the growth of Southwestern and Weatherford for well over the next 50 years," Berrong said.

The city is responsible for 20 percent of the cost on this final project. Until bids are accepted and one selected, the actual cost that required to fund is still undetermined. According to Berrong, it is estimated to be

around \$400,000. After the completion of this final project, three miles of four-lane road will be connected to allow commuters and area traffic to flow smoothly and much quicker from Highway 54 to I-40 through Davis Road.

Bulldog Bucks



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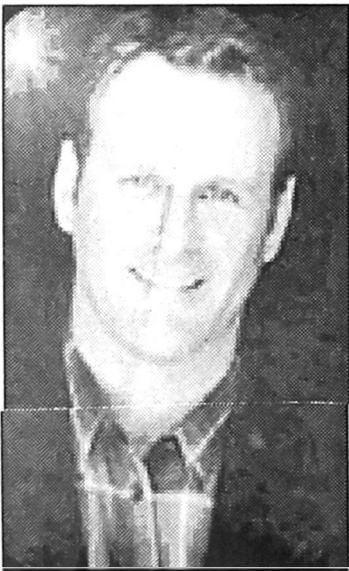
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Committee decides next year's Panorama events

SARAH BRUMLEY/STAFF REPORTER

Southwestern's Panorama Committee has been busy getting contracts finished for next year's Panorama Events.
"We look for interesting, unique programs that we haven't done before. We try hard to listen to students requests," said Dr. Paulette Woods, Vice President of student services.
"The committee gets literature about different performers and shows from different agencies. The literature is based on price range and solicitations from the student body. It takes the committee a couple of months to go through and choose which performances they want to approach first. Then they must negotiate and renegotiate contracts. It takes a



Dave Coulier
long time to get a contract notarized and everything official," Woods said.
"We can't anticipate the student's involvement, so we have to make sure we make enough money. Otherwise, it



Gary England
comes out of next year's budget," Woods said.
The Panorama Committee is divided into subdivisions of entertainment, culture and issues/speakers. They try to put two students on each

subdivision in order to ensure student participation.
Next year's line up consists of: "Harley Davidson, the Rise, Fall and Rise" with Ken Schmidt and "The Economic Effects of Weather" with meteorologist Gary England.
Other pending contracts are comedian, Dave Coulier Native American Musician, Robert Mirabel, Jaruba, an African instrumental ensemble, and the Irish dance troop, Common Ground.
"I am very excited about these choices," Woods said. "This is a very solid line up of programs in areas that we haven't done before. It should be very enlightening."
Students interested in serving on the Panorama Committee can contact Woods at 774-3767 or talk to a Student Senate member.

Southwestern's corner on scholarship

by Virgil Van Dusen, Department of Pharmacy

This week's column is based on projects presented at the Eight Annual Student Research/Scholarly Activity Fair held on March 21st. Congratulations to all those who presented!

Randi M. Davis and Julia E. Misak presented a poster entitled: A test between two competing self theories of dissonance phenomena. (Faculty sponsor: Paul Nail, psychology)

Chad McClellon, Stephanie Rosser, Shyla Glenn and Julie Hensley presented a poster entitled: The role of sex, agesocioeconomic status, high school GPA and ACT score in self-handicapping.

(Faculty sponsor: **Stephen Burgess**, psychology)

Natasha Melton and Margaret Perkins presented a poster entitled: Insertion of a mutated loxP site into pJCPAC-Mam1 to make it amenable to bi-directional deletion analysis. (Faculty sponsor: **Jon Coren**, biology)

Hollie Borrer presented a poster entitled: A question of mercy (costume designer). (Faculty sponsors: **Steve Strickler** and **Darryl Rodriquez**, language arts)

Tena Mitchell presented the poster entitled: Using special education preservice classes

for community outreach—a case study. (Faculty sponsor: **Joe Nolan**, education)

Nicole Anderson, Kristi Feuerborn and Karyl Miller presented a poster entitled: The relationship of registered nurses' job satisfaction and verbal abuse by physicians. (Faculty sponsor: **Cynthia Foust**, nursing)

Larry Grant, Cynthia Tucker, Terri Kirby and Karen Cobb presented a poster entitled: Choosing between oral and tympanic thermometers. (Faculty sponsor: **Pat Meyer**, nursing)

Michael Brummert and

Myron Hurst presented the poster: Physiologic effects of cocaine and nandrolone coadministration in Male Rats. (Faculty sponsor, **Scott Long**, pharmacy)

Kenneth P. Wagnon, Casey Miranda and Martin A. Gonzalez presented the poster: Setting the foundation for ISO 9000 at Freightliner specialty vehicles. (Faculty sponsors: **Jeffery Short** and **Omar Ghayeb**, technology)

Eric Cowan presented the poster entitled: Analysis of power requirements for commercial business. (Faculty sponsor: **Jeffery Short**, technology)

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Starving artists want compensation and credit for hard work

By MARIA ARNEY/STAFF REPORTER

Actors and writers are threatening networks with another strike unless their demands are readily met. The Writers Guild of America and the Screen Actors Guild are the unions in charge of this idea of a strike.

Public reaction has been negative. "If the actors and writers think that they do not have enough privileges, then they should find themselves another occupation that does have what they want," said Lee Evans, a junior mass communications major from Marietta.

The actors and writers went on strike last year and spent months protesting. Many stars stood by their side as they marched down the streets. Tom Hanks, Kevin Bacon and Michael J. Fox have been part of the support for the actors on strike.

Now, not even a year later, the actors and writers are making more threats in hope of getting a little more recognition. The demands for the writers/actors include creative rights, credits and residuals.

Creative rights refer to the writers/actors being allowed to sit in on production meetings and filming sessions. If the writers find it necessary to change parts of a script while sitting in on a filming session, then they would have freedom to do so.

The credits refer to the writers receiving as much credit

as the producer and/or director. For example, the writers would receive credit at the beginning of a film along with the directors and producers instead of just receiving credit in the closing of the film.

The residuals are what the writers/actors receive of any income from television or movies on its initial release. The writers believe they get thrown out of the work of art too early and they should receive a piece of the whole pie rather



than a payoff at the beginning. The actors feel they are underpaid.

"I think that every job has a certain amount of privileges and limitations, so you know what you're getting into you," said Jayme Hixon, a sophomore marketing major from Woodward.

The demands have not been readily accepted and seem non-negotiable for now. The producers and studios might become more negotiable considering the expiration of the current contracts between the WGA and SAG unions. Because of this, many believe that another strike is on its way.

"A strike would be necessary if the lower ranked people in the business do not receive equal payment for their participation in any project," said Chris Johanning, a freshman history major from Weatherford. "A select few should not have control over the whole."

If there is another strike, the consequences could be devastating to the networks. With so many choices these days, a network could easily be shut down.

Either way, the negotiations and proposals are costing money and time. It is expected over the next three years that over \$2 billion will be spent on negotiations and the networks will still break even. Meanwhile, there are starving artist roaming about.

No man is an island New summer course enlightens students

By TARA MOI/STAFF REPORTER

Professor Kenneth Tillet is teaching a summer course, *No Man is an Island*, section 3805. It has sparked much curiosity among many students.

"It's not a study of history, it's not a study of political science and it's not a study of geography," Tillet said. "It's not a study of government either. Rather, *No Man is an Island*, is intended to broaden one's perspective of current events taking place around the world."

Mr. Tillet titled the course himself.

"I wanted something catchy, and representative of a country's inner strength," Tillet said. "Just as no man stands alone, no country stands alone. It's only when they work together, that they build up each other's strength."

Mr. Tillet says the course will benefit anyone.

"The course will introduce students to nations they are unaware of while informing them of the important role each country plays," Tillet said. "The class will also deal with nations, large and small, to show how they form their own organizations to protect their own self-interests."

If nothing more, one should take the course simply as a conversation piece.

"It's so important to keep up with world issues," Tillet said. "Even if one is only familiar of a country's location, it means more to the individual because they can associate and identify with it."

Tillet is looking forward to the class.

"I'm very excited about teaching this type of course," Tillet said. "I intend for it to be fun and very informal."

Mr. Tillet hasn't assigned a text yet.

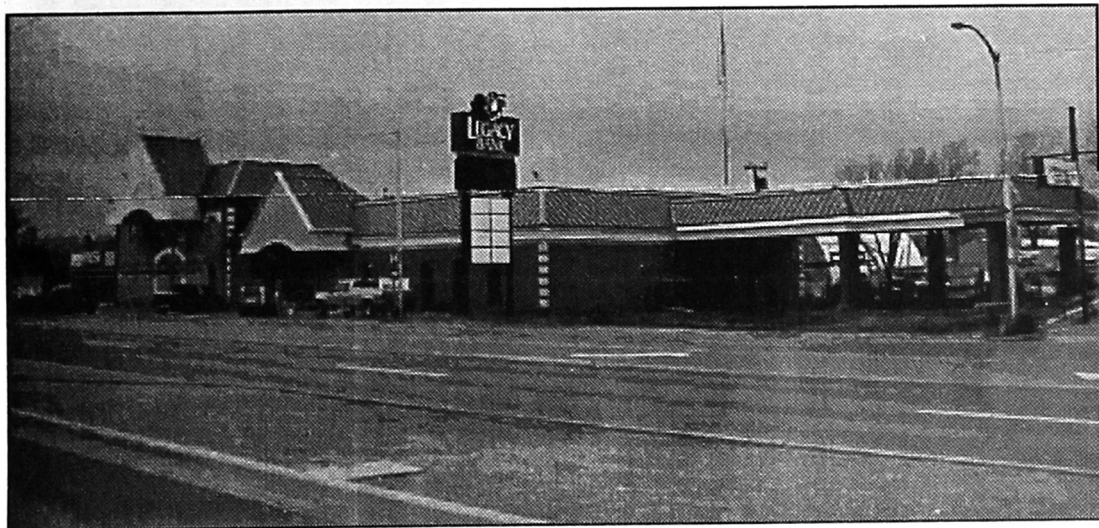
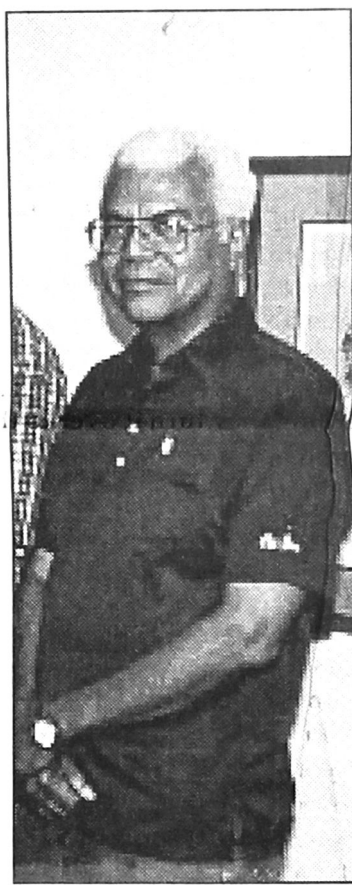
"If the right one comes along, I'll select it," Tillet said. "Otherwise, I won't require a text."

An atlas and a world map of countries (\$1 at Wal-Mart) is required, however.

No Man is an Island is not an upper-level course. Don't be alarmed by the section number. Freshman to seniors may enroll.

Mr. Tillet would like to encourage those interested to enroll as soon as possible because space is limited.

No country is an island. No country stands alone.



New bank is under construction

By LANCE BUKY/STAFF REPORTER

Students will have an opportunity to open a savings or checking account with a new Legacy Bank being built.

The bank, located at 701 E. Main, next to the Movie Gallery, is still under construction. Sheet rock and bricks are being put up at this time.

Sawatzky Construction has been working on the new bank. Work is picking up as weather continues to get better.

"Work is progressing well. We've had some hold ups with the weather but other than that it's going well," said Jake Smith, a sophomore political science major from Clinton who is part of the Sawatzky Construction team.

When Legacy Bank is completed, it will include two drive-through tellers and an ATM. Not only is this bank going to give students an opportunity for a new checking account, but it also will give students job opportunities. Students will have the option of everything from secretary jobs to tellers.

Sawatzky Construction is just now being to work on outer construction because of the messy winter season. The drive-through teller window has recently been built. On days when work was moved indoors, sheetrock was put up.

When the new bank is finished it will bring more opportunities to students and to Weatherford.

Props and prizes at palooza

SWOSUpalooza is in two weeks. It will be Thursday, April 19th on the South Student Union Lawn. Playing at 5 p.m. will be a band from Lawton named Spill.

They are a modern alternative band that has played many shows in Texas and Oklahoma. Spill is currently the house band at the Diamond Back in Lawton. They have opened for many national acts such as RATT and possibly Eve 6 in the next year.

Playing at 6 p.m. is a band from Oklahoma City, the Roustabouts. These Okies play rock "n" roll with the distortion turned way up and the volume turned up louder. They are a punk rock band. Their real passion for rock 'n' roll can be heard in every song. They have outstanding guitar playing that shines, but doesn't dominate. The Roustabouts also have sing-a-long lyrics that add to the great, catchy, fun feeling.

At this year's

SWOSUpalooza, there will be a drawing for platinum jewelry donated by Kelley Jewelers. The platinum jewelry to be won by some very lucky people are a men's platinum necklace, a women's platinum necklace, and a women's platinum bracelet. To be eligible to win these prizes, students should sign up at participating SWOSUpalooza sponsors. There will be SWOSUpalooza flyers hanging in their store windows.



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Sam's party woes

For once, I'm not too happy.

For the first time since I moved back from Dallas and got involved with the club, my roommates and I threw a party at the house. I learned many things have changed over the last three years.

Anyone who has been here long enough to remember (and if you have been, it was probably at least partially my fault), my past roommates and I used to have some insanely large parties. Our parties averaged between 500 and 700 people.

Everyone always had a good time. Even with all those people, we never once had a fight. The police would show up one time each night. That was only to bust up the bash, but that usually didn't happen until after midnight or later. Afterwards, a few dozen of my friends would hang around long enough to welcome the arrival of the sun.

Last Friday changed all of that.

During the first of several police visits we had, they informed me of a possible fight involving a gun. Allegedly, some highly intelligent human being pulled a gun on a pair of girls.

This didn't happen in my house, but half way down the block to people on their way to my house. I believe in the NRA and self defense (but certainly not the armed forces), but what could have possibly transpired in a matter of minutes to make this "man" feel as though his life needed

to be forcefully protected from a pair of girls on their way to a party.

As if this wasn't enough, I had to break up two near fights in my living room and remove another "man" who insulted one of my roommates before informing us "you and the cops can't kick me out." Luckily, we were enough.

I have spent 15 years in this town and have never witnessed such ignorance from so many people. Living in Weatherford stinks for the most part, but at least I've always felt safe here (which is a big plus in my book).

We had less than 40 people come through the house the whole night, including the police. Unfortunately, more acts of violence occurred in that one evening than over a four year course of hard core parties.

It saddens me to know there are that many people living here among us who can't go out for an evening and enjoy themselves without attempting to send someone to the hospital. We need to copy the values we learned from *Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome* and build a rusty, domed cage where these apes can crush each other's skulls and be done with it. Just know that if you enter the doors of my home or club, then you need to leave the aggression at home.



Campus Skyline

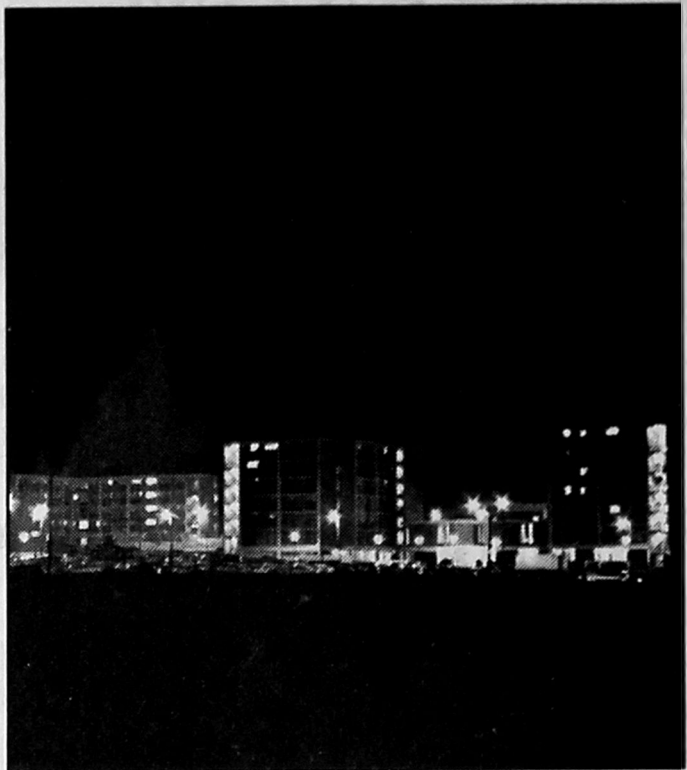


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On a clear, dark night, the campus's skyline provides a beautiful landscape.



Reader upset over RAs feeling unappreciated

This letter is in response to the March 28th edition of The Southwestern. My complaint is with the article by the two RA's that feel their unappreciated.

I'll begin by responding to Brian Allen's comment that he doesn't know of any other job on campus that takes as much commitment as being a RA. How about being a dorm parent for one. They too, are on call 24/7 and they play mother and father to 300 plus students, including the RA's. When resident assistants can't handle something they turn it over to the dorm parent and they deal with it.

The quote about RA's representing the school that was made by both Brian Allen and Carlos Guana is irrelevant due to the fact that each SWOSU employee and student represents the school. I, as a student and employee of Southwestern, don't expect a raise or special benefits for that. As far as RA's being unappreciated, if the school bought a cookie for each SWOSU employee every time they did their job they'd go broke. If you don't get self-satisfaction out of your job then maybe you should find a different one.

I know of plenty other students that would be happy with being a RA and making \$5.15 per hour, 20 hours a week. One quick question to Carlos, have you been a RA for the past 30 years, because if not I can't see how you'd be aware of the changes that have taken place in your position over the past 30 years.

In closing you both knew of the benefits that went along with the RA position when you accepted the job. You said that you're not trying to sound like you're complaining or that you don't like being a RA, that's exactly what you're doing.

There are numerous other issues Southwestern has to deal with at this point in time. Just food for thought, Carlos stated that their job doesn't just entitle sitting at the desk and answering the phone yet the picture to the side of this article showed Brian Allen sitting at the desk answering the phone.

--Stephanie Stovall

This is the Cub's year!

The best time of the year is here-Major League Baseball season has started!

Once again us die-hard Cub fans, such as Sam and myself, are having visions of Sammy Sosa doing his homerun trot around the bases in the World Series in our heads.

Sosa has signed a new contract, so he's happy, the Cubs are happy and, most importantly, their fans are happy.

But not all team's fans will be happy this year. The Yankees and the Red Sox are starting the season without their superstars-Derek Jeter and Nomar Garciaparra.

The Mariners don't even have a superstar anymore with Alex Rodriguez departing to Texas. The Ranger's fans are having the wool pulled over their eyes. They see a star-studded line-up with the likes of A-Rod, Pudge and Palemiro, but the league's worst pitching staff will give up as many runs as the potent line-up will score.

The Braves once again think they are a shoe-in for the World Series. I hate the Braves! The Milwaukee Brewers' fans are already giving up, because they know their teams sucks. And the dumb Colorado Rockies who believe signing a superstar pitcher (Mike Hampton) for \$130 million dollars will make them winners. When will they learn it's not the

Yeaaahh...rrright



by Charles Beatley

pitchers, its their location that causes them to lose. Helloooo, Coors Field is a hitter's dream.

With all of that said, here are my predictions of who will win each division.

American League East-New York Yankees. They have the experience and the talent, plus I know someone who would kill me if I picked another team over the Yankees.

American League Central-Chicago White Sox. No contest. They have the best talented young team in all of Major League. Indians lost R.B.I. machine Manny Ramirez and replaced him with injury prone Ellis Burks.

American League West-Oakland Athletics. They are the Athletics of the old days. Instead of Rickey Henderson, Jose Canseco and Mark McGwire, it is Johnny Damon, Miguel Tejada and Jason Giambi now.

National League East- Atlanta Braves. It gripes my soul to even say the word Braves, but their pitching staff is still to good.

National League Central-Chicago Cubs. What a surprise, huh? They did more off-season acquisitions than any other team, which will benefit them.

And finally National League West-Arizona Diamondbacks. Randy Johnson, by himself could beat the rest of this division. Teams practically forfeit when he pitches.

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What do you think about Timothy McVeigh's book "American Terrorist?"



Jason Giebler
Freshman
Weatherford

"I think the proceeds from the book should go directly to the victims and the victims' families"



Toni Sims
Sophomore
Weatherford

"I think they are paying too much attention to the guy and giving him too much credit. I think that is crazy, stupid and just plain wrong."



Andrew Armstrong
Senior
Tulsa

"I agree with them not accepting the proceeds. People may look at McVeigh as doing a good thing and nothing about him is good."



Chris Pivinski
Sophomore
Mustang

"April 19 is the anniversary and things like this keep opening up old wounds. My mother was just one block north of the building when it happened."

Orientation Leaders ready for incoming freshmen

By MELAINE CAMPBELL/FEATURES EDITOR

Freshman Orientation Leaders are gearing up for the incoming freshman class of fall 2001.

The Orientation Leaders will give their first presentation on Thursday. There will be four presentations following the one on tomorrow. The dates will be- April 20, April 26, June 8 and Aug. 17.

Student O.L.s help incoming freshman understand what college life is about. With the use of dramatic skits, O.L.s provide information on what students should expect as a college freshman.

"Some students who come to Southwestern are first-generation college students. It helps these students and their parents or guardians to see what college life is like," said Todd Boyd director of High School/College Relations.

When the students are going to learn about what they need to know the parents are learning about what they need to know, too.

"We help parents learn to deal with the first phone call home. We help them deal with rule changes and different subject areas that they may have questions about," said Jena Skarda, assistant director of High School/College Relations and head of Student Orientation Leaders.

One Southwestern student found that the Freshman Orientation Day with the O.L.s was very helpful.

"The Orientation Leaders did a good job and made me get excited about going to college," said Lyndsay Roberts, undecided freshman.

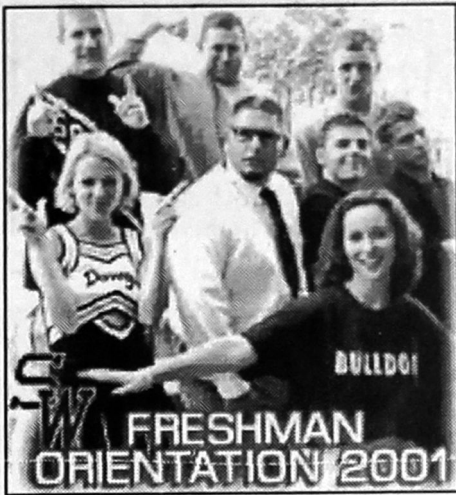
According to Admissions Director Bob Klassen, although many things affect enrollment, O.L.s have really made a difference.

"When we first started freshman orientation we had a lecture format. It really didn't seem to reach the young people. Yet when the Orientation Leaders started doing skits, we could tell that it was reaching the freshman because we could see students who might have left after the first semester stay for the second semester. Our goal is to retain the students," Klassen said.

One student felt that the Freshman Orientation class was very helpful as well.

"I learned the basic things I needed to know in college. The orientation class really stressed time management. I really needed that for college," said Rita Schneberger, pre-nursing sophomore.

According to Dean of Students Darin Behara Freshman Orientation brings faculty, staff and students together.



the orientation leaders as peers so it helps them relate to them better," Crall said.

Boyd appreciates the team work of the faculty and staff as well.

"At the third orientation the sound didn't work and people keep asking me to turn up the sound but I couldn't. Thanks to Fine Arts Center Director Kevin Bartel the problem was solved," Boyd said.

The O.L.s know that students change and they have to keep up with the times. This year's theme will be like the best-known reality TV show "MTV's The Real World."

This year there will be digital video and powerpoint presentations.

"This year there will be some new technology added thanks to assistance from Joel Kendall, communications instructor, Dr. Benny French, professor pharmaceutical sciences, and Dr. Stuart Burchett, professor emeritus and current employee of the Weatherford public schools" Beraha said.

There are 33 Orientation Leaders. There is an application and an interview process in order to be an O.L. The O.L.s take a class that prepares them for the roll. The current leaders were picked in November 2000 and the course started in January 2001. The leaders take their course and work as orientation leaders until October 2001.

Even though it is a lot of work, one Orientation Leader thinks it is worth it.

"This is my second year as an orientation leader and I like helping students and parents feel good about making the transition from High School to college," Katie Doak, an Orientation Leader, said.



Tartuffe

When one hears the word hypocrite, they can immediately think of at least one person they know. In the play *Tartuffe* that is exactly what the character is, a hypocrite. Everyone can see through Tartuffe's image except for Orgon, played by Kyle Davis, and his mother, Madame Pernelle, played by Chantry Banks.

Orgon plans for his daughter Marianne, played by Jaciel Roewe, to marry Tartuffe. She is utterly horrified, as she is in love with Valere, played by Natalie Coe. Valere is also worried that Marianne will have to marry Tartuffe.

Elmire, Orgon's wife, played by Hollie Borrer, along with Damis, Orgon's son, played by Philip Seymour, set out to prove that Tartuffe is not what he seems to be.

Although the beginning of the play was a little confusing due to the fact that the characters were speaking so fast and their words seemed to all rhyme, the play picked up halfway through the first half and I began to understand exactly what was going on.

Each of the actors did an outstanding job portraying their characters in such a rhythmic tone. I was really impressed with Rebecca Gaglia, who played Dorine, one of the maids. Her part was comical and she did a great job. The two actors, Chantry Banks and Natalie Coe, that portrayed characters of the opposite sex, Madame Pernelle and Valere, did a fabulous job.

Tartuffe was written by the playwright Moliere in the year 1669 and has a French neoclassical style. The cast and crew should be commended on the way they transformed the set into a seventeenth century home. The set was the largest I have seen, and it looked as though it had taken lots of time to construct. The costumes and wigs were extravagant, which also helped the audience get a feel of what it was like during that time period.

The play was under the direction of Steve Strickler and technical direction of Darryl Rodriquez.

--Lindsay Oakes

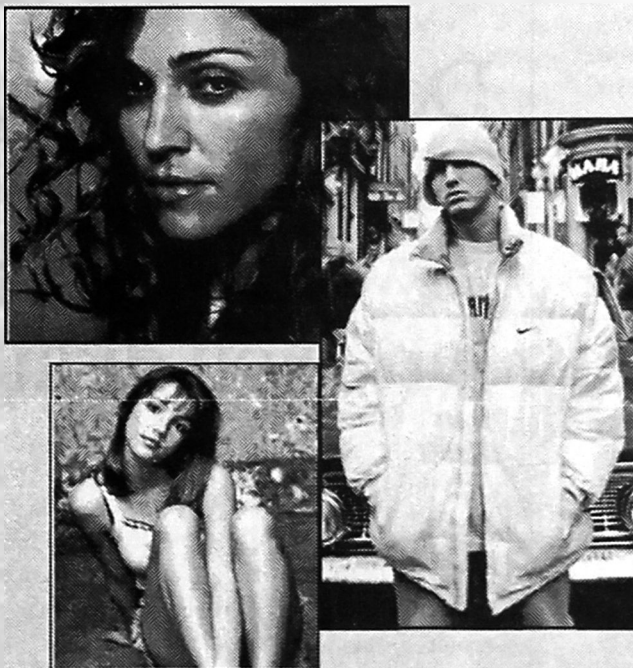


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Dorine, center, played by Rebecca Gaglia, tries to unite the two young lovers-Valere, left, played by Natalie Coe and Marianne, right, played by Jaciel Roewe.

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Poor Fellow! Tartuffe, left, played by Robin Hall Smith has Orgon, right, played by Kyle Davis, hoodwinked.

Photo By Kristin Palford

Spring fashion blossoms around campus

By TARA MOULSTADT REPORTER

Dress for class, or dress for “class?” Fashion trends are changing at Southwestern as we enter spring. While one attends class, one can be “in class” if seen styling the latest footwear, clothing, and accessories.

According to fashion magazines, a girl needs now: dark or pastel colors, florals, stripes, tank tops, Capri pants, dark denim, khakis, slim-cut suits, long flowing dresses, mini or full-length skirts, flip flops, dangle or hoop earrings, crystal tattoos, rhinestones and straw goods.

For what have traditionally been feared by most women, the hottest thing on the runways in Paris, Milan, New York and London are stripes. From thick to thin, vertical, horizontal or diagonal, all are a big hit. But fear not, stripes can actually create figure-enhancing optical illusions. For instance, vertical stripes will elongate the body, diagonals will create curves and thin or thick horizontals will reduce or broaden shoulders.

As far as colors go, anything goes. If pastels aren’t your thing, ditch the lights and go for brights or neutrals. All three shades are “in”. Lindsay Highfill, a freshman elementary education major from Woodward and employee of Maurice’s, says girls are thinking pink. It doesn’t matter if there are five different colors of the same style shirt on the rack, we’ve been running out of the pink ones first,” Highfill said.

Capris are WAY HOT! Borrow a few fashion tips from the Capri queen herself, Peg Bundy, and you’ll be set for

spring. A variety of lengths, colors and prints are flocking campus and clothing store windows everywhere. Southwestern student Liz Harding, senior speech communication major from Carnegie, agrees. “I’d say Capris and hip-hugger jeans are the most popular in

fashion right now among college age individuals,” Harding said. Blue jeans are no longer for dressing down. Women in New York have been seen dressing jeans up with heels. The most popular jean style for spring are hip-hugger boot cuts in dark denim. Levi’s Super Lows, the lowest rise Levi’s has ever made, are very “in”. But Heather Koll, a junior speech communication major from Lawton, agrees classic khakis are timeless.

“Khakis have changed from a casual, safari look to a more sophisticated, preppy look,” Koll said. Tanks are also making a big splash in the fashion scene. Pair them with a button-up or wear them alone, either way is cool. Sleeveless open-backs and Emma tanks are currently among the most popular styles.

The long and short of it: dresses are longer and more free-flowing in lightweight, sheer fabrics. However, mini skirts and skorts (skirt/short combination) are back too. On a more formal note, no longer do you have to feel consumed when wearing a suit. The latest suits feature lighter-weight fabrics and slimmer cuts. Spring ‘01 has also changed the face of shoes. No one particular style dominates this season. From flats to clogs to high, strappy heels, anything goes

for spring. Then again, flip-flops are flopping around the world. For those sports-craved enthusiasts, Nike has created more options for those who can’t leave home without their sandals. Nike’s Air Max Craze and Air Visi Havoc are slip-on, sockless women’s cross trainers.

As far as accessories, wide belts, chain belts and tie belts are the going trend. In addition, 1980s-inspired glitter belts are in high demand. All can be seen worn up high around the waist or low on the hips.

It’s also all about straw. Everything from straw sandals to straw handbags, straw necklaces and straw hats, you name it, if it’s made of straw it’s definitely “happening”. In terms of hoop earrings or sunglasses, the bigger the better. Silver hoops are currently the trend, but gold has also made a comeback. Aviator and Jackie O-inspired sunglasses with two-tone or pastel colored lenses are all the rage.

According to fashion magazines, a guy needs now: bright colors, screen-print tees, plaid or striped button-up shirts, board shorts, carpenter pants, dark denim, sandals and flip flops, beaded and gold/silver chain necklaces and Top Gun-inspired sunglasses. Guys are no longer sporting the basic black, navy or gray colored shirts. They’ve gotten bolder and gone for brights. It doesn’t get much louder than orange.

“More guys are choosing orange over any other color,” Highfill said. “My brothers are really into it.” Screen-print tees are also “in.”

Anything with cartoons or phrases will do. Layer it with a plaid or striped button-up shirt for an extra cool look. Board shorts and carpenter pants are still appropriate this spring. Dress them up or down with a classic brown leather belt. In terms of denim, darker seems to be better. However, any style of jean works this season. Flip flops and sandals aren’t just for girls anymore. Both are a very important part of men’s fashion right now.

As far as accessories, beaded and chain necklaces are the current trend. If you’re not into beads try a simple gold or silver chain. Top off the look with a pair of mirrored sunglasses. Top Gun sunglasses are back. Travis Rhodes, junior communication arts major from Woodward is into the new shades. “I think the new style of shades are alright,” Rhodes said.

Remember trends come and go. If you don’t have an opportunity to get in on the latest, don’t fret, the trend will probably pass before you know it. Also, don’t allow yourself to worry so much about being “in class” that you miss class as a result!

“Gladiator” and Crowe slays competition at 73 rd Oscars

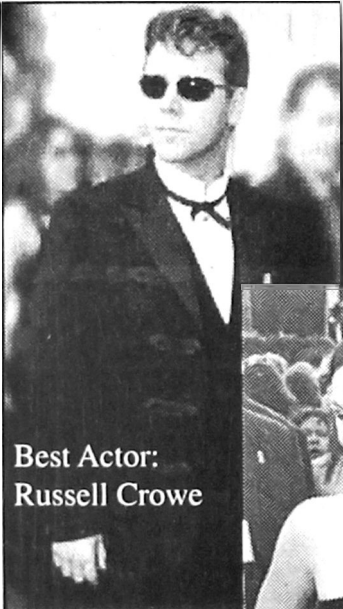
By MYLISSA SIEFRIED/STAFF REPORTER

The Academy Awards, held on March 25 on ABC, brought surprises, fashion do’s and don’ts, and comic humor provided by host Steve Martin. The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences has presented the awards annually since 1927.

While certain aspects of the Oscar show we could have lived without, the four-hour long presentation was quite entertaining.

For Best Leading Actor the winner was Russell Crowe for “Gladiator”. While Tom Hanks is one of my favorite actors, I was particularly happy with Crowe winning the award. I’m not sure about Crowe’s acting ability but I was rather pleased that I got to stare at him during his acceptance speech.

For Best Supporting



Best Actor:
Russell Crowe



Best Actress
Julia Roberts

Actor the award went to Benicio Del Toro for “Traffic”. Yet another movie about drugs and violence, moviegoers just can’t get enough of these storylines.

For Best Leading Actress, my personal favorite, Julia Roberts for “Erin Brockovich”. I absolutely adore her. Her acceptance speech was the most interesting part of the entire evening.

Her speech began, “Oh, thank you, thank you ever so much. I’m so happy. Thank you.” Such a heartfelt speech from such a deserving actress.

For Best Supporting Actress, the winner was

Marcia Gay Harden for “Pollock”. I wanted Kate Hudson for “Almost Famous” to win. Even though she looked terrible in her dress and her husband/boyfriend was probably stoned out of his mind, I still wanted her to win.

And finally for the Best Picture award, “Gladiator” took home the gold man. I know I wanted Gladiator to win but I’m not sure it was the most deserving on the group, but what do I know I’m just a reporter.



Best Supporting Actor:
Benicio Del Toro



Test Your Oscar I.Q.

For all you Academy Awards historians, a quiz to test your knowledge of past awards:

1. In 1991 what leading actress won the Oscar?
A: Jane Fonda for “Coming Home”
B: Jodie Foster for “Silence of the Lamb”
C: Cher for “Moonstruck”
2. In 1997 what movie won best picture?
A: “Titanic”
B: “Braveheart”
C: “The Truman Show”
3. In the 71st Award show, how many Oscar’s did “Shakespeare in Love win”?
A: 10
B: 11
C: 7

1. B (Jodie Foster) 2. A (Titanic) 3. C (seven)

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Brothers compete against their toughest opponent, each other

By MORETA CRADDOCK/STAFF REPORTER

When he competes in a rodeo, Jet McCoy is familiar with his toughest competitor. Very familiar. It's his brother, Cord. Jet and Cord McCoy are the only brothers on Southwestern's rodeo team. The McCoy brothers ride together, live together and travel together.

Jet is the elder of the two with Cord being one year younger.

When asked who they felt was their hero, the siblings responded with similar comments.

"My brother is my hero," Cord said.

"He stole what I was going to say," Jet said, laughing.

This is the easygoing manner the brothers have towards each other. Their mutual respect and friendship is evident.

Cord said if someone were to tell him that this was his last day on earth and asked him who he wants to spend it with, he would choose Jet because he is so much fun. Jet said he feels the same way about his brother.

The McCoy brothers have to like each other to travel 85,000 to 90,000 miles a year together. Last weekend, they traveled to Springfield, Mo., and Little Rock, Ark. to compete in rodeos, where they split first in barebacks and saddle broncs.

Both are competitive, but hopes if one doesn't take 1st, the other will.

"Everybody wants to win first. If I had to pick, it would be my brother," Cord said.

On their weekends off, both boys travel together to compete in other rodeos.

Jet explained why they travel to rodeos outside of Southwestern's schedule.

"We do it for the competition and the love of the sport," Jet said.

Just as they dominate the college ratings, the McCoy's are ranked high nationally. Jet was the 2000 IPRA World Champion All-Around Cowboy. Jet also won the All-Around Cowboy honor at the Kansas State University rodeo in March, 2001 by winning first-place in the short round and average of the bareback riding event. He also recorded a third-place finish in the long round of the saddle bronc riding.

Cord grabbed the second-place spot in the short round and average for the barebacks, while notching a fourth-place long round mark in the saddle broncs. He went on to a third-place short round finish, placing third in the average at the KSU rodeo.

When asked what they do if they get a day off, Jet replied, "What day off?"

"We go to class all week, rope in the afternoon, go to the

gym at night to lift weights and rodeo on the weekends," said Jet.

Cord said if they had a day off, they would probably sit around and talk to each other because they are best friends and just have fun being together.

Cord and Jet are natural athletes, and both have been riding since they were five years old. They have had calves to take care of since before they can remember.

Since the McCoy's grew up on a ranch, they were literally born into rodeo. They come from a rodeo family background. An older brother, JoRay, graduated from Southwestern three to four years ago, and rode for Southwestern. The McCoy's also have a sister who barrel races.

The youngest of five children, they had their older brothers and sister as mentors, and their Dad hauled them to rodeos when they were young. When they went to high school they continued to rodeo.

Now at college, Cord's instruction comes from his brother.

"Instead of Dad telling me what to do, now Jet tells me what I do wrong and punches me when I get lazy," Cord said.

The McCoy brothers rode from Tupelo to attend Southwestern on rodeo scholarships. When asked why they chose Southwestern, Cord simply replied, "This rodeo program is the best in the nation."

Jet echoed his sentiments and added that Doc Mitchell is also the best coach in the nation. The brothers were part of the men's rodeo team that won the runner-up title at the National College Finals Rodeo last year. Their goal this year is to win the title.

Since the entire men's team is all back this year, they have a good shot at it. The strongest contender is Fort Scott Community College with Pandhandle State right behind.

As a sophomore business marketing major, Cord has a few more years to reach his goal of a college degree.

Jet being a junior speech communications major, he has one more year to make that dream come true.

When asked about the new championship series play-offs that will be conducted this year, Jet said, "This year is going to be tougher for some people to make it to the NCFR and easier for the good ones."

At the new play-offs, everyone will compete for the individual college title. There are six people on a team and the points go to the team. The top 12 from each region will go to the NCFR in June.

The Central Plains Region, which is Southwestern's region, will compete at Enid, OK on May 16-20. About 40 percent of the contestants are in these regions so the largest play-off will be at Enid.

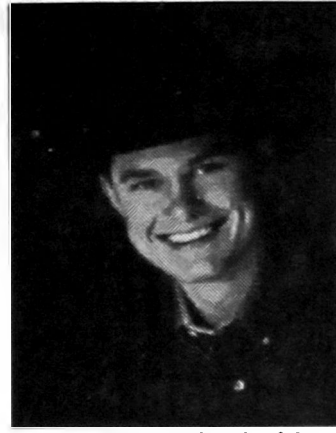
"The cream rises to the top, this just puts one more cut into it," Cord said. "The All-Around Cowboy honor is the most prestigious award because to win it a cowboy has to place in two events. Every athlete strives for this award."

Jet said rodeo competition teaches self-discipline, which he feels is the most important for him. It is hard work and not for everybody. It is hard to learn and hard to stay competitive. It also teaches respect for fellow team members.

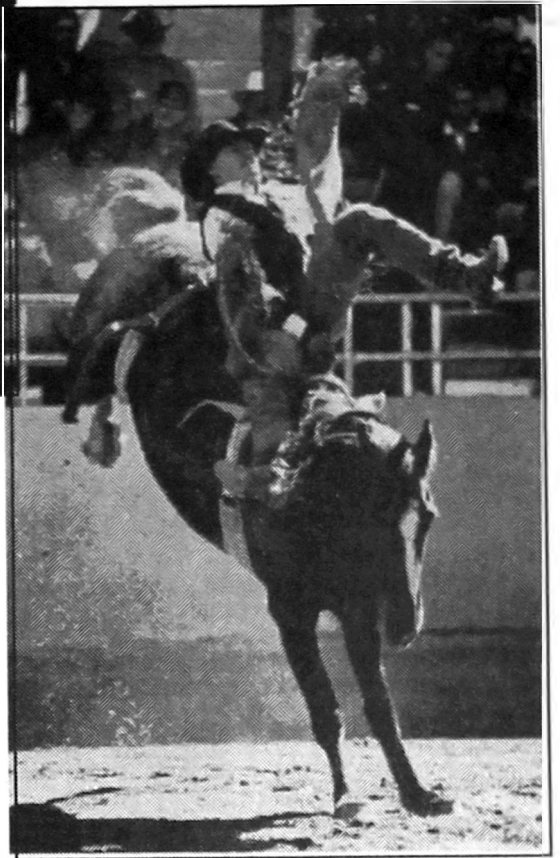
"There are so many guys that are so good," Jet said. "It is really neat to compete with the other

men on the team."

Both have their fair share of injuries. Jet has broken his ankle



Jet McCoy defends his IPRA World Champion All-Around Cowboy



in four places when a bareback horse stepped on it four or five times last year. He said that it took forever to get over it.

"It is tough to sit at home when everyone else is rodeoing," Jet said. "There are always bruises and minor injuries every weekend, but it is definitely worth it."

"I still wouldn't give it up for anything," Cord said.

Cord has also broken the femur bone in his leg by getting thrown off a bull, which also took forever to heal because he had to have metal put in and taken out before his leg healed completely.

Cord said the rough stock events help teach one how to work with people. Having to depend on others and ask for help is also a teaching tool. The other team members learn to do the same for each other.

Jet's advice to other hopeful athletes wanting to rodeo is to set goals for yourself and find someone to be your mentor who knows how to rodeo. It is definitely dangerous, so be prepared to get lots of stitches.

"There is an inherent danger there or it wouldn't be fun," Jet said.

Cord said it is the most dangerous sport in the world, but the more you do and know takes a lot of the danger out of it. That comes with experience and knowing how to be careful.

"Enjoy riding is the main thing," Cord said.

They talk alike, they walk alike, and they ride alike, but here is how to tell them apart.

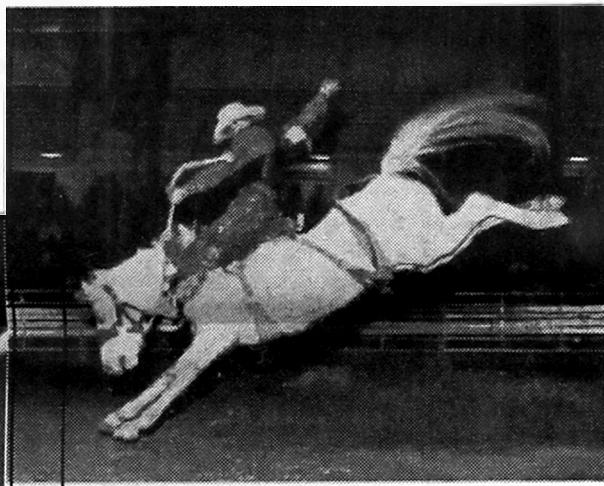
The red haired, green-eyed cowboy in a Resistol cowboy hat, whatever cotton shirt his Mom buys him, Wrangler cowboy cut jeans and wearing Rios Mercedes boots is Cord.

The brown haired, brown-eyed cowboy wearing a Resistol 100X cowboy hat, a Texas cotton western shirt, 31 MWZ's Wrangler cowboy cut jeans and Olathe cowboy boots is Jet.

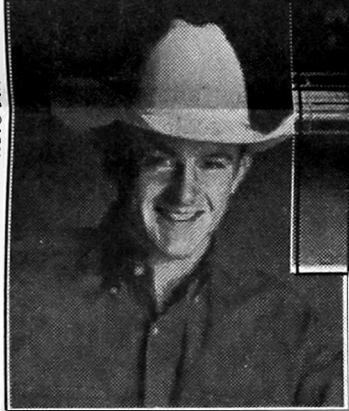
After graduation, Jet wants to turn pro in three rodeo events, barebacks, saddle broncs and bull riding. He wants to achieve the world title.

Cord wants to rodeo as long as he can in all three events. He wants the All-Around World Title. He wants to be the World Champion. Cord will definitely work in the agriculture field. Right now the brothers raise bucking bulls to send all over the country, so they plan on continuing that.

The McCoy brothers may not be twins, but they are the next best thing, they are best friends. The brothers will continue the tradition of rodeo passed down from their family.



Cord McCoy tries for 8 seconds during a recent competition.



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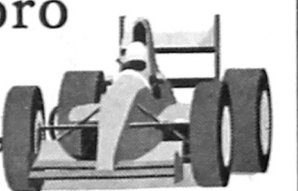
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Golf course pitches new look

By DUSTIN KURTZ/STAFF REPORTER

You can't play golf at the Weatherford Golf Course anymore. You can still play, but it won't be named the Weatherford Golf Course. From now on golfers will be playing at the newly renamed Prairie West Golf Course.

"The name changed in part of the marketing plan," said Jim Martinez, head professional of the golf course. "We wanted to tie it into the long range plan."

Last March, the Board of Directors looked for ways to improve the look and layout of the course. Randy Heckenkemper, a golf course architect, was contacted and asked to look at the facility and to provide recommendations. After Heckenkemper completed his proposals and presented them to the Board of Directors and Greens Committee, they voted to adopt the plan.

"One reason we did this is because we didn't have a long range plan and every time the Board members changed, the direction of the golf course changed," Martinez said. "So we hired an architect and planned a real nice makeover of the golf course."

The cost to complete the entire project is estimated to be \$50,000, mostly for new trees. Martinez said a fundraising campaign has started, emphasizing that there will not be an increase in member dues and the course will not go into debt.

He said changes will make the course more challenging, holes that were once open will be framed tighter because of the new trees.

"The changes will make the course harder for better players and there will be no effect on the lesser skilled players," said

Martinez.

The goal of the transformation, according to Martinez, was to take 20 scratch golfers and make the golf course play so that scores would vary from one player to the next, instead of all of them firing low scores or all of them shooting high scores.

The maintenance crew has been working on the renovations this winter. Although the plan is long-term, much of it has already been completed.

"We're looking at five to 10 years before every phase is completed," Martinez said. "But we've already done a lot."

Many existing trees that seemed out of place with the natural conditions have also been removed.

Also, many bunkers and a few out-of-character ponds have been filled in. However, there are plans to build bunkers into more definitive spots and expand some existing water hazards.

Construction on a short game facility is planned to start in April. The site of the project is north of the clubhouse where the sod farm is located. The plan is to transform the sod farm into a practice green with different types of bunkers and mounds with fairway height grass and rough. This facility is in much demand, Martinez said, players want a place to practice pitch shots with their wedges.

Martinez hopes that this long-term plan will help develop the course into one of the best golf courses in western Oklahoma.

College memberships for the summer semester are \$135 and a reduced green fee of \$11 is offered to college students with a student ID.

Softball team enjoys turnaround season

Young Lady Bulldogs setting school records

By PATRICK EMMERSON/STAFF REPORTER

Southwestern softball head coach Tammy Loy is leading a youthful team into a record-breaking year. Loy, in her second year, is responsible for bringing many of the players to Southwestern.

"This is my first recruiting season, and we have a young team this year," Loy said.

The team consists of 11 freshmen, three sophomores, one junior and one senior.

"Although the team is young, this season is going well and the team gets along great," Loy said.

After sweeping Hildale Baptist 8-3 and 4-2 last Thursday, the Lady Bulldogs' record stands at 13-7. The team is also tied for first in the Lone Star Conference North with a 3-1, despite being picked to finish sixth in the preseason poll.

The team is not satisfied with being content with that, however.

"The high points of the team, even though they are young are the desire to win, the unity they have with each other that leads to great execution on the field, and they are all focused and wants to win the conference title," Loy said.

The team and individual players are at the top of some conference statistical areas. The team leads in fielding and is second in batting overall. It also leads pitching ERA and both pitchers are in the top 10.

"The team is setting many records at Southwestern and they are intimidated by nothing," Loy said.

The Lady Bulldogs have a lot of standouts, such as Lauren Brown, who leads in batting (.460) and homerun percentage. April Beard, a sophomore from Colorado, is in the top 10 for steals and doubles. Sophomore Julie Thomas from Edmond Memorial helps lead with a .354 batting average.

The Lady Bulldogs have two star pitchers in Nisha Dixon, a sophomore from Choctaw, and Courtney Hale, a freshman from Rush Springs. Dixon and Hale have their own rivalry over Southwestern's record for most strikeouts. On Thursday, Hale set the record with 10 strikeouts in the first game against Hildale, only to see Dixon break the



Lauren Brown leads the Lady Bulldogs in batting this season with a .460 average.

record in the second game by striking out 11.

So far this year the squad has only suffered minimal injuries and the rest of the season looks promising.

At the end of the season the team will only be losing one senior starter in Alysa McCall from Moore. The Lady Bulldogs are young, strong and full of determination.

With Coach Loy at the helm, the Lady Bulldogs should have a great run at the title this year and for many years to come.

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SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETICS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

Basketball claims Academic Accolades

SOUTHWESTERN SPORTS INFORMATION

RICHARDSON, Texas - Five Southwestern Oklahoma men's and women's basketball players earned Academic All-Conference honors for their performance in the classroom.

All five met the Lone Star Conference requirements of a 3.20 grade-point average and completion of at least 24 semester hours at their institution, qualifying each student-athlete for the Commissioner's Honor Roll.

From the honor roll, league sports information directors voted on five players in both women's divisions to be selected to the all-academic team. The men's divisions were combined to make one team.

The Lady Bulldogs, Kiley Tyson (Jr., 5-7, Thomas) was the only member of the SWOSU women's team named to the LSC North Division All-Academic Team. She is an elementary education major and finished the season averaging 7.7 points and 2.6 rebounds.

Teammates Andrea Mauldin (So., 5-10, El Reno), Ashlee Hamar (So., 5-7, Thomas) and Amy Moran (Sr., 5-5, Weatherford) each earned Commissioner's Honor Roll for meeting the qualifications for selection as academic all-conference.

Matt Donley (Jr., 6-1, Weatherford) was the lone selection for the men's team. Donley earned All-Academic Team honors for his performance as an accounting major. He played in every game this season, averaging 1.7 points and 1.8 rebounds per game.

Men's soccer player claims Academic All-District

SEGUIN, Texas - Southwestern men's soccer player Patrick Byers has been named to the 2001 Verizon Academic All-District Men's Fall/Winter At-Large Team, announced today by district coordinator Tim Clark.

Byers, a sophomore from Norman, Okla., currently maintains a 3.80 cumulative GPA as a business major. In only two seasons at SWOSU, Byers is the all-time leading scorer in the program's history. During the 2000 season he was honored with First Team All-Lone Star Conference honors as well as LSC All-Academic Team accolades.

During the 2000 season, Byers led the team in points and goals, while ranking third in the conference in points (21) and goals (10).

Southwestern will kick off their 2001 season on August 24, when they travel to Denver, CO to take on Metro State. The Bulldogs' first home game will take place on August 30, hosting University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma in a men's and women's doubleheader.

Baseball Sweeps ECU In Three Game Set

ADA, Oklahoma - After a doubleheader split with Cameron on Tuesday, the Southwestern baseball team took care of East Central, sweeping a Lone Star Conference North three-game set on Friday and Saturday in Ada.

In three games with the Tigers, SWOSU plated 31 runs on 43 hits, improving their LSC record to 4-1 on the year. Wes Sparks (Jr., 6-2, Perry) notched his fourth victory of the season, behind a solid defensive and offensive effort. Behind a three-hit effort from Reggie Weil (Sr., 6-2, Clinton), the Bulldogs received two or more hits from five different players.

SWOSU sent 11 batters to the plate in the second inning, scoring seven runs and opening up a 9-2 lead. Seniors Bart Pascher (Sr., 6-1, Weatherford) and John Callison (Sr., 6-2, Yukon) smashed homeruns to help Southwestern earn its 15th win of the year.

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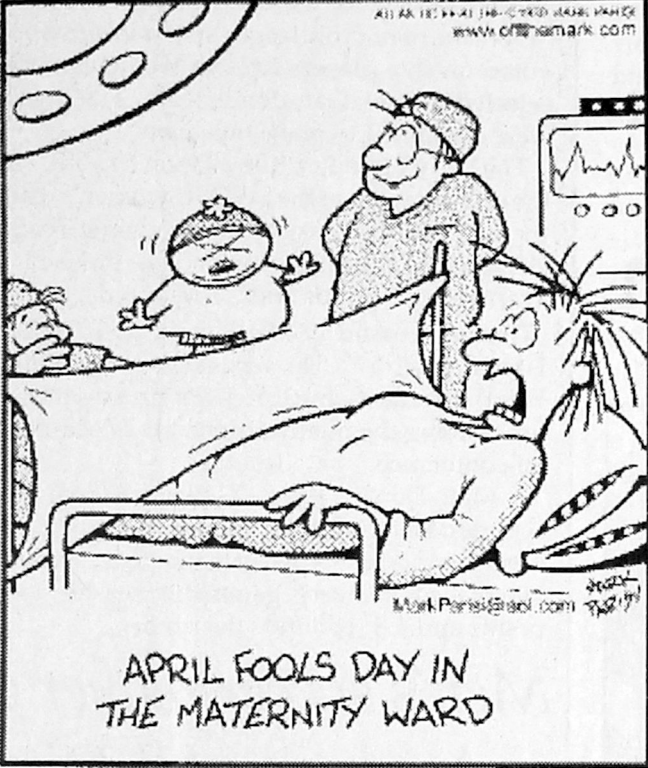
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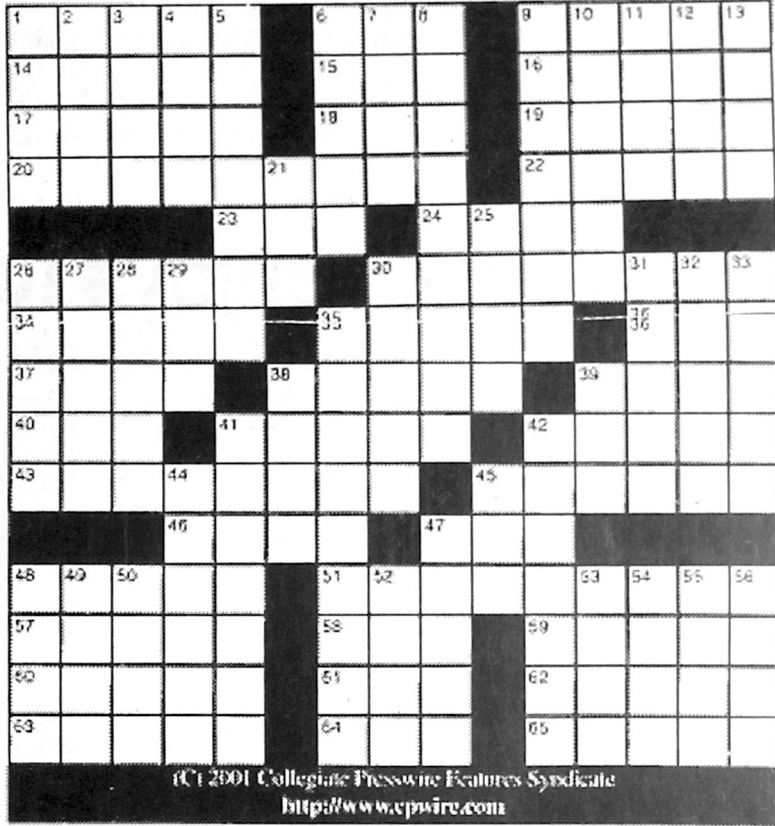
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- 6. Angry
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- 18. Pretra
- 19. Golden times
- 20. Cathartic
- 22. Sausage
- 23. One, two, three, etc.
- 24. Spruce
- 26. Type of cigar
- 30. Designers
- 34. Pertaining to the third degree
- 35. Turn the other one!
- 36. North Chinese Dynasty
- 37. Augury
- 38. Husband
- 39. Bring comment
- 40. Alamos, NM
- 41. What kind of bird gets worm
- 42. Male name meaning spear carrier
- 43. Dire
- 45. Relating to the main trunk of the heart
- 46. Computer's and bytes
- 47. Question
- 48. Bundle of wheat
- 51. Noggin
- 57. Desert plant
- 58. 100 square meters
- 59. Roman palace
- 60. Era
- 61. Used to create roots
- 62. Rumors
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- 64. Rude
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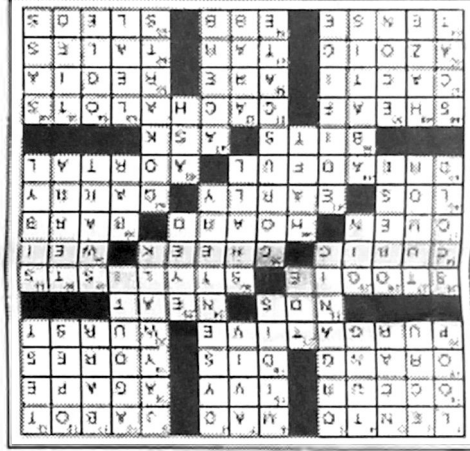
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- 5. Fundamental
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- 12. Op of closes
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- 21. Digit
- 25. Leered
- 26. Reprimand
- 27. A swelling
- 28. More than half
- 29. Card game
- 30. Used to express futurity
- 31. Dark completed
- 32. Irma
- 33. A prophetic
- 35. Sparkle
- 38. A handle
- 39. Conceal
- 41. An imposing structure
- 42. Small gas-powered vehicles
- 44. Barbed wire barricade
- 45. Remains of fire
- 47. Bitter
- 48. Ella Fitzgerald specialty



- 49. What some frats do
- 50. Course in supply and demand
- 52. Middle Eastern
- 53. True
- 54. Stare at
- 55. No winner
- 56. Lip

Cryptograms Answers

1. LOVE DOES NOT BEGIN AND END THE WAY WE SEEM TO THINK IT DOES.
LOVE IS A BATTLE. LOVE IS A WAR. LOVE IS A GROWING UP. JAMES BALDWIN
2. HUMOR IS JUST ANOTHER DEFENSE AGAINST THE UNIVERSE. -MEL BROOKS



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- Apr. 5--Colin Powell (1937)
- Apr. 6--Billy Dee Williams (1937)
- Apr. 7--Jackie Chan (1954)
- Apr. 8--Patricia Arquette (1968)
- Apr. 9--Hugh Hefner (1926)
- Apr. 10--Mandy Moore (1984)



Hugh Hefner

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"Oooh!" Words

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- Drool
- Food
- Goose
- Groom
- Moose
- Rooster
- Saloon
- Swoon
- Tooth
- Voodoo

